

## Intermediate Care Units

\* The term used should be standardized to "Intermediate Care Unit"- instead of Step-down, Progressive Care or Immediate Care Units.

\* Definition: " Intermediate Care Units serves as a place for monitoring and care of patients with moderate or potentially severe physiologic instability. This unit is reserved for those patients requiring less care than standard intensive care unit but more than that which is available from ward care. Intermediate Care Units must have a Physician and a Nurse Director designated by the local Medical Treatment Facility Commander who can be responsible for assuring appropriate patient triage through enforcement of the admission and discharge criteria. The designated Directors should determine the limitations of care that can be rendered based on institutional needs, staff qualifications and unit resources. This assessment includes the extent of invasive monitoring, telemetry, mechanical ventilation and types of intravenous medications".

FCC/MEPRS Coding - Intermediate Care Units are inpatient work centers and not intensive care units. Therefore, FCC A\*XI will be used to reflect these locations.

## Mother/Baby Units

Mother Baby Units should be classified as a "mixed ward". The two patient types are OB and Newborn, with OB being the primary patient type. This should be set up in the Nursing Unit Table.